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1. [REDACTED] HSIEH Nan-kuang (謝南光)*, a Taiwanese who is a member of the Chinese delegation to Japan, was contacted in Shanghai by unidentified Chinese Communists and urged to attempt to effect a Communist uprising in Taiwan in late June or early July 1949. HSIEH, an opportunist, agreed and was given an undetermined amount of money to be used in laying the groundwork for the uprising.

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2. [REDACTED] LI T'ien-ch'eng (李天成), also a Taiwanese and a good friend of HSIEH, flew from Taiwan to Shanghai to confer with HSIEH. LI was asked by HSIEH to return to Taiwan immediately and to begin to make preparations for a Communist uprising on the island. He was given instructions to attempt to spread Communist propaganda not only among the Taiwanese, but also among the Chinese Nationalist soldiers in Taiwan, in order to incite them to revolt. [REDACTED] LI returned to Taiwan by air. HSIEH was still in Shanghai.

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3. The Chinese Communists have chosen late June or early July 1949 for a Communist uprising in Taiwan for the following reasons:
 - a. They are confident that, by that time, the Kuomintang forces will have been completely defeated on the mainland.
 - b. They are confident that they require only approximately two more months to complete preparations for an uprising in Taiwan because of the deteriorating political and economic situation on the island.
4. LI T'ien-ch'eng, Taiwanese and approximately 35 years of age, has long been well known among Taiwanese as an opportunist. The son of a poor farmer, he has always managed to live well even though he has had no visible means of support. During most of World War II, he lived in Shanghai, returning to Taiwan shortly after the end of the war. During HSIEN Nan-kuang's visit to Taiwan in January and February, LI and HSIEN were seen together often.

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Comment. In late April 1949, a strong anti-Kuomintang and anti-US article written by HSIEH appeared in the Shanghai Ta Kung Pao.

Comment. [REDACTED], which reports a rumor that HSIEH may be a possible replacement for CH'EN Ch'eng, Governor of Taiwan.

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